

Rotary

Club of Epping



**5 December
2022**

Quote

"Love begins at home". Mother Teresa

Bruce's Banter

Last Monday.

Very pleasing to have 23 attend last Monday for the AGM. The Financial Report by Treasurer John was accepted although the Auditor needs another week before he can sign off on it. Public / Returning Officer, Craig, did possibly the quickest introduction ever when introducing the 2023/24 Board lead by PE Ian.

As there were no contested positions, members accepted the new Board for 2023/24. See below for the upcoming Board.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-24

President:	Ian Bittner
I. Past President:	Bruce
Club Service Director:	Justin Kang
Treasurer:	Ravi Veerakathy
International:	John Corney
Secretary:	Ian Stephenson
Foundation:	Monica Saville
Youth:	Anne Robinson
Vocational:	Rev. Alex Thomas
Community Service:	Nervin Kaur
Membership:	John Fenessy
Corporate Relations:	Betty Ockerlander

District Conference at Cowra: March 17-19.

As both Ian and I stated last Monday, these District Conferences are both fun and showcase Rotary at it's best. It also enhances friendships both within our Club and other Clubs.

Details of the weekend are in this Rim.

John Fenessy and I have booked in to the Econo Lodge Alabaster at Cowra; phone 63423133 if wanting to stay at the same place. Other places are available but need to book soon.

Next Monday. Xmas Party.

This will be a sit down and delivered meal at The Epping Club. Cost will be \$40 per head collected on the night and includes a two-course meal, tea and coffee, table decorations and a glass of champagne or soft drink on entry.

Stefan will MC the night and I thank Toula for coordinating this special festive occasion.

December 11 - Carols at Boronia.

This will be our biggest public event and we'll need plenty of support on the day. Details will be given next week but keep a few hours free on the Sunday to help. Hope to see you at this community event. Please support Ian and the rest that are helping.

Bruce

Next Monday – Christmas Party

A Reminder for the CCA Christmas Hamper Appeal

And so, this is a reminder that once again, our Rotary Club is supporting the annual CCA Christmas Hamper Appeal.

It is the time of the year when for most, there is the prospect of a holiday involving aeroplane travel, the consumption of vast amounts of seafood, plum pudding and expensive alcohol and the distribution of gifts wrapped in tinsel and ribbon that come from David Jones.

Our world is not fair. It is one of the harsh realities of life that not everyone can enjoy this kind of celebration. There are some living less than a few streets away who are sleeping inside their cars. Some have nowhere to go and rely on friends for a safe place to spend a night, or to wash their clothes or to have a meal which is not noodles or pasta. The Federal Budget has been delivered and despite living in a country that has abundance, once again it is the poor and the vulnerable that are overlooked. The homeless still remain homeless. For them, nothing changes.

Gifts might be as simple as small toys, Christmas (non-perishable) food items, (new) clothing items, even toiletries.

Your gifts will be collected and will form part of the display at our own Christmas party on 12th December before being added to the Christmas Hampers distributed through the CCA.

Anything you give will bring some joy to someone.



You are invited to join us at the
Epping Rotary Christmas Party 2022

On 12 December at 6pm for 6:30pm
At the Epping Club, Rawson Street, Epping

Show or Tell

You are invited to participate in the Christmas Party by
sharing an interesting Christmas story

- a special experience you have enjoyed
- a special ornament that you treasure

Prizes will be given for the best stories

CCA Hamper

In the spirit of Xmas, we will be collecting Xmas presents for the
annual CCA Hamper for the needy in our community

Partners & Spouses welcome

Dress Code: Green & Red Cost: \$40

RSVP deretta@yahoo.com.au by Friday 9 December 2022

Club Calendar

Date	Speaker/Topic Mondays	Venue
12 December	Xmas Party	Epping Club
Date	Other Events	Venue
11 December	Carols in the park	Boronia Park
17 March	District Conference	Cowra
27 May	Rotary International Conference	Melbourne

Enhancing Parramatta Council Relationship

John and I were fortunate enough to get an invite to the Parramatta Council Lord Mayor Xmas Party at The Cumberland Lounge, Commbank Stadium last Friday night.

The photo shows John and I with Lord Mayor, DonnaDavis, and Councilor Cameron McLean.



District Conference

More on our District Conference 2023

DG Mina has been having ongoing discussions with people in Cowra in preparation for our Conference 17th to 19th March. Mina has organised wine tours at [Antonios' Wines](#).

Antonio's Wines Tours

- Friday pm and Sunday pm
- Normally \$25 pp.
- Rotary Price \$10 (no redemption from cellar door purchases)
- Maximum 25 people per tour
- 1 hour duration with expert guide and sampling of at least 4 wines
- Another attraction to look forward to!

Other exciting news includes some of the planned events for the Conference...

Friday 17th March - Evening : Easy live music, local historian BBQ and sheep dogs demonstration.

Saturday 18th March : Engaging sessions and speakers, and later in the evening, the Conference Dinner with Mr Stan Grant and 40's dance tunes.

Sunday 19th March Brunch at Japanese Garden with Japanese Ambassador and live tenor performance.

It is going to be a great Conference so [REGISTER NOW](#).



District Governor's Report

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

What a fruitful and exciting month this has been for our District. I have continued on my rounds of official visits and have now completed fifty-two! Hearing about the wonderful work our members are doing continues to be inspirational and impressive.

The big effort lately has been providing goods and donations for our unfortunate flood victims from Eugowra. We watched in disbelief the news of the destruction of that small Central West town, as well as the many other towns that have been impacted by flood waters. And it's not over yet!

Pam Hudson from Pennant Hills Rotary swung into action galvanising the district to contribute non-perishable goods and plastic storage containers. We were able to connect with local Rotarians on the ground and ascertain exactly what was needed. AG Paul Rogers organised the mountains and Penrith clubs, collecting items and gathering a team together to transport to Cowra. Lucian Keegal has been collecting from Katoomba ALDI for two weeks and my husband Larry took out 100 plastic storage containers to Eugowra. Liz McDougall, our District Secretary drove all the way from the Northern Beaches to assist and many others have collected, sorted and delivered. Clubs from all over our district have collected and delivered. I am very proud that our district has rallied so quickly and efficiently and shown that we really are 'people of action'.

I also want to congratulate Tina Latham and her team from Kincumber Rotary for supporting Ukrainian refugee families in Sydney via our **third** Disaster Response Grant. Aply assisted by our Foundation Chair, David Dean, US\$25,000 worth of vouchers were distributed to help make Christmas a little brighter for these displaced families. I can only imagine the heartbreak they are experiencing being so far away from their loved ones in Ukraine, especially at this time of year.

Beecroft Club had their special gin launch and Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise launched a fabulous recipe book. Please think about purchasing these items to give to your friends and family for Christmas presents knowing that your money is supporting worthwhile Rotary projects.

You may have noticed that each month a district is featured in our RDU magazine. It is our turn in July 2023 so we need great stories and photos by the end of May. Please send your contributions to Marilyn Kenney. Our district is number one for Foundation grants and RAWCS projects in Zone 8 so we will have plenty of stories on offer. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your work.

As we wind down for a few weeks to hopefully enjoy some time out with family please think of those less fortunate and keep imagining how powerful we can be if we work together to make the world a better place. I hope you all have a healthy, safe and calm holiday season. I am looking forward to continuing my visits in the new year.

I'll leave you with some more questions to challenge your members...

1. What is Rotary's number one priority?
2. What does GECAF stand for?
3. What is a Rotary Community Corp?
4. What do the three colours (green, white, purple) of International President, Jennifer Jones's theme *Imagine*, represent?

Have a great Christmas and come back refreshed for another year of action.

Mina Howard
District Governor 2022-2023

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Articles should be submitted by Thursday afternoon

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